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TAGS: CASC (SMUTS, BARBARA AND KENNETH STEVE SMITH AND  
CARRIE HUNTER

SUBJECT: W/W: THREE KIDNAPPED AMCITS: WHITE HOUSE PRESS  
BRIEFING MAY 22

1. FOLLOWING EXCHANGE TOOK PLACE AT WHITE HOUSE PRESS  
BRIEFING MAY 22:

Q: WHAT WILL BE THE APPROPRIATE REACTION IN THE CASE OF  
THREE AMERICANS KIDNAPPED IN AFRICA?

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MR. NESSEN: AS I UNDERSTAND IT, THE GOVERNMENT THERE  
HAS SAID IT WOULD DO ALL IT COULD TO FIND OUT WHERE THEY  
ARE, WHO HAS THEM, AND TO GET THEM BACK.

Q: WE ARE NOT DOING ANYTHING MILITARILY OVER THERE THAT YOU KNOW OF?

MR. NESSEN: NO.

Q: RON, WHAT PLANS ARE THERE, OR WHAT DO YOU KNOW OF WHAT THE U.S. EFFORT IS TO RECOVER THOSE THREE STUDENTS?

MR. NESSEN: AS I TOLD JIM, EACH OF THESE IS HANDLED IN THE APPROPRIATE WAY. CERTAINLY, IN THE CASE OF THE MAYAGUEZ

THERE WAS A DIPLOMATIC EFFORT MADE WHICH PRODUCED NO RESULTS AND SO THE ACTION WAS TAKEN THERE THAT WAS APPROPRIATE.

IN THE CASE OF IRAN, THE GOVERNMENT HAS CONDEMNED THE EPISODE AND IS MAKING AN ALL-OUT EFFORT TO -- I THINK HAS IDENTIFIED THE ASSASSINS FROM WHAT I HEAR -- AND IS OUT TO GET THEM.

IN THE CASE OF TANZANIA, THE GOVERNMENT THERE ALSO HAS ACTED QUICKLY TO FIND OUT WHO THE KIDNAPPERS WERE AND WHERE THE PEOPLE ARE BEING HELD, AND TO GET THEM BACK. SO, I SEE NO CONFLICT IN HANDLING DIFFERENT EPISODES IN DIFFERENT WAYS.

2. SUBJECT NOT RAISED DEPT PRESS BRIEFING MAY 23. KISSINGER

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